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## Drying Good Way To Save Food

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being sliced or otherwise made ready for drying should undergo blanching. It is here that the final quality of the product is largely determined since the best produce will be spoiled by careless or improper blanching.

**TRY THESE** ROASTING ear corn cut from the cob, green lima beans, and green soybeans, according to Dr. C. L. Isbell, of the Alabama Experiment Station, who has carried on work in drying a long list of vegetables by placing on a galvanized roof and allowing the sun and air to dry them, may be scalded, dried, and stored for later use. When dipped in boiling water for three to five minutes it will require from half a day to three days of sun for drying.

A fair substitute for fresh okra is green okra that has been dried whole or after slicing.

Mustard, turnip greens, and rape are easily dried on a galvanized roof in a day to four days of favorable weather. Greens for drying should be young, tender and thoroughly washed. If dipped into boiling water for two or three minutes before drying the dried product will have a much deeper color, but when cooked there is not much difference between greens dipped and dried. A pound of dried greens would be enough to serve 40 people for one meal.

Roots of carrots, rutabagas, and turnips, and stems from kohlrabi may be sliced or shredded before drying and storing. These vegetables require from one to three days to complete the drying process and all appear to store well.

## POTATOES IRISH AND SWEET DO WELL

One good day of favorable drying weather. It appears necessary to treat the Irish potato after slicing and before drying to prevent the product from turning brown. If the potatoes are placed in boiling water for a short time just after slicing and before drying the dried product should have a good color.

Beets, egg plant, onions, squash, and tomatoes may be successfully dried on a galvanized roof sheet. Dr. Isbell states that experiments have not progressed far enough with these vegetables to make recommendations as to how they should be conditioned after drying and before they are placed in storage. Apparently some of these as well as some of the other dried products have to be heated before storing to destroy insects that might attack them.

Ordinary garden sage and several of the garden mints may be dried in the shade and stored for future use.

## FRUITS

CERTAIN fruits can be dried with good results but the flesh of apples, peaches, and pears undergoes discoloration rapidly when the fruit is cut open and exposed to the air. To prevent this the exposure to the fumes of burning sulphur is one of the most satisfactory methods for arresting the chemical changes which cause this discoloration. The sulphur treatment not only preserves the natural color and flavor, prevents souring and protects against insects during drying, but protects the vitamins in the fruit against destruction during the drying process.

A sulphur box may be easily made and should be located outdoors where the fumes will not become annoying. If only small quantities of material are to be sulphured the chamber may be simply a tight packing box or wood frame closely covered with roofing paper or wall board and of sufficient size to enclose a stack of trays with about a foot of extra length.

Use one teaspoon of sulphur to one pound of fruit. Wrap the sulphur in paper, place in a dish at the bottom of the sulphuring box and light the paper.

In drying apples select late varieties making sure that the fruit is firm, smooth, and has even texture. Carefully pare, core, remove all blemishes and cut the fruit into quarters or slice into quarter inch rings. Place immediately in a salt solution, two tablespoons of salt, two tablespoons of vinegar, to one gallon of water, remove the fruit from the water, dry it, place in a single layer on the tray and expose to sulphur fumes for 20 to 30 minutes. Dry on a galvanized roof or with the stove oven drier. If apples are to be dried in an evaporator, temperature should be 130°F. and gradually increased to 175°F. Apples should be leathery and pliable to be well dried.

To dry peaches cut in half, remove the seed and skin, drop into the same solution used for apples and expose to sulphur fumes for two to four hours. Dry in sun or if evaporator is used keep temperature at 120° to 140°F. until the latter part of the drying and then raise to 160°F. Cool thoroughly before storing.

Pears should be washed, pared, cored and cut into eighths, dropped into salt solution and then left in the sulphur fumes for three to four hours. Dry in sun or start drying process in evaporator at 130°F. and then gradually raise to 175°F.

Before drying figs sprinkle one cup of soda over six quarts of fruit and add one gallon of water to remove the waxy coating. Allow figs to stand in the pan for five minutes then wash in two or three changes of cold water. Spread in single layers for drying and if the evaporator is used the temperature should be 130°F. until the figs shrivel and then increase the temperature to 175°F. Figs can, of course, be dried in the sun with good results.



With efforts of Alabama farm families banded toward raising more food, folks are going to be busy this summer canning plenty fruits and vegetables for use next winter. Be sure you save by canning, drying and storing fresh all the surplus produce raised. It will help you and your country. These farm women shown above are busy conserving and examining foods.

## Last Minute Planting Notes

SUCCESSFUL farmers are doing the following in May:

1. Planting cotton on well-prepared, firm seed beds if planting has not been completed. Seed are being treated with Ceresan to give better stands. Good stands are necessary for good yields. It never pays to cultivate "skips" and under the present labor situation it certainly is expensive to have missing hills.
2. Using only varieties of cotton that average 15/16 inch or longer in staple length. It never pays to take chances with the shorter kinds.
3. Planting a seed patch of breeder seed to insure a supply of good seed for 1943.
4. Using a 6-8-4, or its equivalent, where possible, to give the highest yield per acre.
5. Harvesting seed of hairy til the figs shrivel and then increase the temperature to 175°F. Figs can, of course, be dried in the sun with good results.
6. Saving ample small grain seed so they will not have to buy seed this fall. Alabama grown seed oats are entirely satisfactory for planting purposes.
7. Planting sorghum to fill a trench silo. Silage is needed for winter and to help out when the pasture is poor.
8. Planting sericea on well-prepared seed beds.
9. Cultivating kudzu and planting corn, soybeans or some other row crops between the rows of kudzu.
10. Planting cottons for hay seed. If there is any doubt about having a supply of hay in 1942.
11. Either planting or planning to plant any land that will not be in row crops or lespedeza in cowpeas, velvet beans, or crutaria, etc., for soil improvement.

## Farm Families Are Busy In Victory Program

"My observations on what Coffee County Farmers Are Doing To Reach Their Food For Freedom Goals," subject for a panel discussion at the monthly meeting of the Council of County Workers held in New Brockton, Friday afternoon, brought this information:

County farm folk are not only willing but eager to do their part in the victory program. They have adopted "Keep Them Growing" for their garden slogan and have intensified their efforts, increased their plantings, variety and year-round efforts.

Moving toward the food goals for crops, they have planted more peanuts and oats, have better crops of corn, an increase in orchards, vegetable and cane patches, and are experimenting in a small way with wheat and rice. Pastures are increased and improved and soil building crops of kudzu and blue lupine are receiving attention. Seed saving will be a practice this year.

Livestock farming which has been increasingly popular for several years, continues to grow. There are more hogs, more dairy cattle, beef calves, milk, cream and butter, more poultry and eggs.

Women, desiring to conserve all possible food, will adapt themselves to change in practice by drying, brining and pickling in addition to the regular canning campaign. They are utilizing left-over foods by converting them into palatable dishes.

Food programs in the schools have proven successful. School gardens have provided for their lunchrooms. One drive at New Brockton has furnished fresh vegetables for the school lunches and a surplus for sale. A total of 1,800 quarts from that garden were canned by the students last year. There have been more milk and butter and eggs in the school lunchrooms this year than ever before recorded. Two new lunchrooms, Mt. Pleasant and Fairview, were opened last fall, and four others, Elson, Victoria, Goodman and Zion Chapel, are ready and equipped to open next fall.

All reports indicated that food goals will be reached. Those included in the panel were B. A. Johnson, B. P. Dillworth, E. P. Seiger, and Mrs. T. E. Futen, vocational teachers; Miss Mildred Seyon, assistant home agent; R. C. Elia, of the FSA; and A. C. Dunaway, county superintendent of education.

Miss Eunice Graham, county WPA recreation director, announced plans for recreation in enterprise for visiting soldiers from Camp Rucker. These included the center on the corner of Edwards and Market streets to be built with Federal funds, and at Coppinsville for Negro troops.

Report included playground activities in the town of Enterprise, Elba and New Brockton and the rural night programs for adults. A total of 155 night programs were held last year with 9,206 persons attending.

A. C. Dunaway, council president, conducted the business and W. L. McArthur, program chairman, introduced the numbers.

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT N. BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

The following exercises will be held in connection with the closing of the current term of New Brockton High School:

- May 11—Music Recital, Elementary School.
- May 12—Annual chicken barbecue for parents by F. F. A. and P. H. A.
- May 13—Music Recital, High School.
- May 17, 11 a. m.—Commencement Session in High School auditorium by Rev. C. B. Liddell, pastor of the Methodist Church.
- May 21—Senior Class Night.
- May 22—Commencement Address and Graduating Exercises.

Address by Dr. O. A. Brown, 10 a. m.—Awarding of Diplomas to Junior High School.

The above programs will be at 8:30 p. m. unless otherwise stated. The Senior Class of 1942 and candidates for diplomas are:

- Anne Jones, Mrs. Mabel Watkins Purvis, Jack Wilkes, Gladys Medley, Estelle Barefoot, Jean Fouton, James Willoughby, Maige Jones, Guy P. Dunaway, Lewey Stephens, Jr.
- Richard Tolson, Charles W. Marsh, Wayne Nolin, Tabble Johnson, Robert Taylor, Felix Sawyer, Artina Whitehead, Douglas Brown, Kyner Wilson, and Louise Perkins.

Anne Jones is valedictorian of the class. Mabel Watkins married and dropped out of school but returned at Mabel Watkins Purvis to earn place of salutatorian. Robert Taylor is senior member of the class who is married. James Willoughby is class president.

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE**

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Martin and children, Betty Mae and Annette, of Houston, Texas, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bryan, left Sunday for a short visit to Opelika before returning to their home.

For place No. 1 there will be a run-off between Judge Virgil Boudlin who received 78,057 and Jesse L. Drennen whose total was 64,009.

There will also be a run-off in the race for Attorney General. Robert B. Harwood received 55,265 votes while O. P. Lee was second with 49,476.

For county office there is to be only one second race, that being for Sheriff. O. P. Lee, who has been cultivating and J. W. Parker will participate in the June 2 voting for the nomination. Lightner had 155 votes over Parker in the first primary.

**FOR SHERIFF**

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Mrs. Josephine Frazer Bradley will present the younger pupils of her class in a piano recital this (Thursday) evening at 8:30 in the High School auditorium. The Elba Glee Club will also be heard. You are most cordially invited.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Mrs. W. H. Coston and Miss Nettie Flournoy visited friends in Troy Saturday.

## Official Count Of Primary Ballots Made Thursday

The official tabulation of the May 5 primary election was made by the Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee in the county house at Elba last Thursday. Below we are giving the official tabulation:

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## WAR HAS INCREASED NEED OF NEEDY COFFEE FAMILIES

The war has increased, rather than lessened, the need among the needy families in Coffee County who are now receiving assistance through the Department of Public Welfare, Mrs. Grace M. Elbert, director, said in releasing her monthly statistical report for the month of April.

Although \$2,220.00 was spent during the month in assistance to these families, the grants averaged only \$9.00, this being according to a study of living costs and assistance grants recently completed by the State Welfare Department.

Since funds available to the agency have been too limited to raise the grants in proportion to the advances in the cost of living, Mrs. Elbert said, it is obvious that these disbursements are being made on a basis of necessity.

—The aged, the blind, those with dependent children, the crippled and otherwise handicapped—are experiencing additional hardships because the war has raised living costs. At the same time, the need for surplus commodities available for distribution by the department has been increased by supply and demand as a result of the war. In Coffee County, for example, 15,473 bushels of thirteen different commodities were handed on last year, while today there are only 112,854 pounds of fourteen commodities, making a difference of 69,819 pounds.

Not only are the people receiving assistance, those whose handicaps make it impossible for them to work, but there are 115 additional families in this county who have applied for aid and been approved as eligible, but for whom no funds are now available to provide financial grants, the director indicated in her report. Of these, 53 of this latter group are applicants for old age assistance grants, the director said. The out at present the only help on hand for this group is a few surplus commodities.

## DOWLING CAT HAS MARKED RABBIT CHARACTERISTICS

Miss Mary Oswald Dowling has a black and white cat which shows decided bunny characteristics and is a real curiosity. Its tail is bobbed in rabbit fashion, its forepaws are like the rabbit's, and its favorite pose is to sit hunched up on its hind quarters in bunny style. It is reported that the cat-rabbit is fond of a diet of grass and herbs, along with its carnivorous proclivities, which adds to its oddity.

The unusual hybrid was raised from a kittenhood by Miss Mary Oswald and attracted much attention. It is of mature age now.

## COFFEE DENTAL CLINIC QUITE ACTIVE IN APRIL

The Coffee County dental clinic had a busy month during April. The record shows the following services: Number of patients admitted, 55; number of visits, 22; number of amalgam fillings (permanent), 18; number of amalgam fillings (deciduous), 21; number of extractions (deciduous), 15; number of cleanings, 3; number of gum treatments, 1.

Coffee Co. Health Dept.

## MR. ALEX HUEY THANKS VOTERS FOR SUPPORT

To The Voters of Coffee County: I wish it were possible for me to see each of my loyal friends of Coffee County who supported me in the May 6th primary and thank each of you in person; but since that is impossible, I take this method of expressing to each and every one of you my deep and sincere appreciation. I hope that you who supported my opponent will nevertheless number me among your friends, because I know that you were merely exercising your right of franchise and wish, thank God, still exist in this country.

Respectfully,  
J. ALEX HUEY.

## ATTENTION, SINGERS!

There will be a singing at White Water Church on Sunday night, May 17. Everybody come and bring your books.

Mary Wise.

## DR. JOSEPH CARROLL Optometrist Eye Specialist

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Ethical Eye Examinations  
Glasses Prescribed and Fitted

# ENTERPRISE CHURCH FETES OLDEST MARRIED COUPLE

By Nell Fannin Hutchison

ENTERPRISE, May 9.—Pro-nounced as "two who have walked down the path of years with God," Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Heath, of Enterprise, were commemorated with a brief ceremony on Sunday of Family Week at the First Methodist Church, Enterprise.

The oldest married couple among the church's attendants, Mr. and Mrs. Heath celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 29, 1941. He is 85, she is 82. They are the parents of 10 children, eight of whom are living, 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A visit to these white-haired patriarchs turns back the pages of Southeast Alabama history. "A little sugar, more or less wouldn't have caused me much trouble," said Mrs. Heath, who was talking when I was a boy," said Mr. Heath, his old voice quivering, and mischievous twinkle in his eyes. "There was plenty of syrup and grates and others (Matt. 21:20) asked it because they knew that I had received their authority from the Lord."

"You have a beautiful child," I ventured, looking at the boy, who, for it was dirty and rather unwholesome.

"Oh, I beg your pardon. A natural child, and through the long She turned her face away. But under some circumstances I have of the most beautiful illustrations, unadorned returned without waiting, so I continued.

"It doesn't I—I" She stopped suddenly and leaned toward the child.

A park policeman rounded the corner, and he went on. At the next corner he stopped, turned, looked at the child and went on. The child, who had been watching him, ran unsteadily to its feet. It toddled to me, placed its dirty little paws on my light trousers, and said, "Da-da."

"Oh, I am tremendously relieved." The woman's face lightened. She took up her book as though to read, but as if it were a child's game, she said, "My child? God heavens, no!"

"But she called you Dada!"

"I don't care what she called me! I never saw the kid before! I was thus. What sort of a plan was that?" The child, having apparently claimed me, went back to the soil. She careful.

"The woman said in a low voice, "Here comes the man again; he's watching us!"

The policeman came briskly up the path. I was about to call to him, leaning forward to do so when the woman said "Don't. Don't speak to him. He'll take you away from me all your life."

And I did. The policeman passed on.

"Now," I spoke sternly, "Please explain. You must realize this is—rather a peculiar situation."

"Peculiar! It's—it's horrible!" She had a most attractive voice. "I never saw that dirty little brat until half an hour ago. I was sitting there reading when she—if it is a she—came running round that corner and settled in that dust."

"You don't notice it. Then that park policeman came along and—eyed me. I knew after that I got up and went away he'd be after me for deserting my child, after me in court or something. If such men are capable of it, do you suppose?"

"How on earth should I know?"

"They were, oh, so religious! Interpreting literally and mechanically. His God's command that they keep their hands clean from blood (Gen. 9:6) and in thought (mind) use (Deut. 6:11-18), they used my knee and was going on to describe the pain when the policeman passed again. He was clearly watching us, had no doubt had experience of people leaving their children at luncheon debris in the park."

When he had reached the corner the woman continued, "If you don't mind, I'll tell you what I don't own the child—or won't—it looks as though we were both in the same boat. Being a gentleman you cannot leave me in my distress and I can't go and leave you because that man will come along and if you say it isn't yours, suspicion, of course, will fall on me. He will come after me. What shall we do?"

In the distance I saw the park policeman coming toward us. Instead, however, of passing, he crossed the sward. I felt the woman stiffen. But the policeman did not hesitate. He went straight to us and picked it up in his arms. Now, buddy, it's time to go home," and to the woman he said, "Thank you, ma'am, for keepin' an eye on him."

Post Office "Gestapo" Claim

The Los Angeles post office department has set itself up as a "Gestapo," according to Attorney George Acree. He has attacked the constitutionality of the statute in a precedent-setting federal complaint. The constitutional questions, involving a post office fraud order, come under provisions of an order issued by Postmaster A. R. Harwood of La Verne, who has stopped all of the mail of W. H. Neher of La Verne, returning it to the senders marked "fraudulent."

Neher was forbidden use of the mails at a Washington session, during investigation of a "Communist" machine.

According to Attorney Acree, the post office department is condemning persons to starvation without the formality of a court trial.

# Improved SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HANCOCK L. LUNDGREN, D. D.

Of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and by Western Newspaper Union

## Lesson for May 17

Lesson subjects and Scripture texts selected and copyrighted by International Bible Society

TUESDAY: THE DAY OF CONFLICT

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 22:41-46. GOLDEN TEXT—Matthew 22:41-46. The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner—Mark 12:10.

"By what authority doest thou these things?" and who gave thee this authority?" Such was the challenge Christ faced when He came into the temple on the last day that He was to be able to teach there. The chief priests and elders (Matt. 21:20) asked it because they knew that I had received their authority from the Lord."

Jesus held no such position, yet He had just driven the money changers out of what He called "my house" the temple. They charged Him, and through the long day He answered and also asked them questions. Here we find a series of parallel illustrations, unadorned returned without waiting, so I continued.

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"You don't notice it. Then that park policeman came along and—eyed me. I knew after that I got up and went away he'd be after me for deserting my child, after me in court or something. If such men are capable of it, do you suppose?"

"How on earth should I know?"

"They were, oh, so religious! Interpreting literally and mechanically. His God's command that they keep their hands clean from blood (Gen. 9:6) and in thought (mind) use (Deut. 6:11-18), they used my knee and was going on to describe the pain when the policeman passed again. He was clearly watching us, had no doubt had experience of people leaving their children at luncheon debris in the park."

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In the distance I saw the park policeman coming toward us. Instead, however, of passing, he crossed the sward. I felt the woman stiffen. But the policeman did not hesitate. He went straight to us and picked it up in his arms. Now, buddy, it's time to go home," and to the woman he said, "Thank you, ma'am, for keepin' an eye on him."

Post Office "Gestapo" Claim

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